

## THE MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC RECREATION COMMISSION

October 16, 2007

The regular meeting of the Public Recreation Commission was held on October 16, 2007 at 4:00pm at the CRC Main Office, with the following members present: Mmes. Driehaus, Ingram, and Brewer and Messrs. Fultz and Moeddel, with Ms. Driehaus presiding. Staff in attendance: Mmes. Arszman, Gutjahr, Lang, Barnes, Shannon, Cox, Smith, and Raffales and Messrs. Merrifield, Bigham, Thomas, Koopman, Doerman, Williams, Reese, and Celsor.

### RECOGNITION

The Commission recognized the following retirees: Dianne Glos (September) and Tony Pack (October). Ms. Glos and Mr. Pack were presented certificates of appreciation for their service. Commissioners congratulated them and wished them well in their retirement.

### PRESENTATION

CRC won the 2007 NRPA Dorothy Mullen Arts & Humanities Award. Carolyn Gutjahr gave a presentation on the award winning project. In addition to the Dorothy Mullen Award this program received a 2006 Ohio Parks and Recreation Association first place award in the Awards of Excellence, Youth Programs and Events category.

Ms. Driehaus congratulated Ms. Glos for her work toward the award. Ms. Glos acknowledge the involvement of Dale Doerman and Carolyn Gutjahr with this project.

### MINUTES

Mr. Fultz moved, seconded by Ms. Ingram, to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2007 meeting as submitted.

Motion passed.

### CORRESPONDENCE

E-mail from Katie L. Walters, Q102 Promotions Coordinator

Mandy Bellow received an e-mail from Katie L. Walters commending Andy Tracy and his staff for the great job they did this summer with the Parties at Sawyer Point.

This item was received for filing.

Article in Enquirer dated September 20, 2007

There was an article in the September 20, 2007 *Enquirer* regarding the Senior Chair Volleyball games held at Mt. Washington Center.

This item was received for filing.

Notice in the *Forest Hills Journal*

Mt. Washington Senior Center events were published in the *Forest Hills Journal* on September 29, 2007.

This item was received for filing.

Letter from Robert L. Akikta

Stella Barnes received a letter from Robert L. Akikta commenting on the wonderful leadership of Sandy Richardson at the Bond Hill Community Center.

This item was received for filing.

E-mail to Daryl Ross from Steve LeConey

Steve LeConey sent an e-mail to Daryl Ross to let him know of a telephone call he received from a citizen. The citizen stated that he was really impressed with the work he saw going on at Armleder Park by our maintenance staff.

This item was received for filing.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Program Highlight – East Region (Mark Celsor, Melissa Smith and Tom Reese)

Mr. Reese presented a power point featuring Kate Sturman Gorman. Ms. Gorman conducted a 3 hour workshop titled *The “Wonderful” Fusible Web* (Quilting). Ms. Gorman teaches how to add design, personality and repetition to quilting.

Melissa Smith and Joslyn Stephens stitched the pieces together that were made by CCDs and part time staff. The following quilts were on display in the CRC Boardroom: “Sense of Self-Esteem” by Melissa Smith; “Staff Quilt”, Centers throughout the city; “Sample Quilt, by Joslyn Smith, “Tribute to Gary

Price”, by Melissa Smith; “Teacher’s Workshop”, by Charlene Willis; and “Quilt Gift to a Woman who Collects Tea Pots”, by Melissa Smith.

#### Information and Briefing Items

- Charlie Frank and Matt Crawford of the Reds Community Fund were present and gave an overview on the status of 4 projects (jewel programs) they have been working on.
  1. Weaver Park – 1 of 2 fields, make amenities, upgrades to the park, signage, Ken Griffey, Jr. field, maybe some additional landscaping
  2. Oskamp – April 2008 completion date for project (in time for the Miracle League), some unfinished pieces, fluid budget
  3. Schmidt Field – Home of the Reds Rookies Success League, upgrade caretaker’s quarters, some signage opportunities to promote CRC and Reds, permanent office space design ready by late June 2008
  4. Madisonville – 2 existing fields behind center dugouts, donor interested in investing

They would like to do these projects concurrently. They hope to figure out a standard operating procedure and hope to get all signage and naming procedures resolved.

Ms. Driehaus saw an article in the *Enquirer* about the Miracle League. Service groups wanted to know more about it. Ms. Driehaus and Dr. Merrifield attended a meeting to explain it.

Ms. Ingram doesn’t want us to lose site of the fact that these areas are public property. She is also concerned with the timeline.

- Dr. Merrifield talked about Naming Rights. A copy of the city policy was distributed to Commissioners. Dr. Merrifield advised that on December 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup>, he will bring in Bill Koegler from Oglebay to give a presentation. Mr. Koegler will discuss foundations, naming policies, programs and how to measure their value. There will be an evening session for Commissioners. CRC, OPRA and maybe KPRA will sponsor the event.

Tony Pack responded regarding the naming of Weaver Park after Ken Griffey, Jr. who grew up in Kennedy Heights. Mr. Pack stated that there are others who grew up in the West End area. He would like to ask if those could be considered for naming rights. Mr. Moeddel responded that sometimes

personal financial contributions play a part in naming rights. Mr. Moeddel is supportive of the Ken Griffey, Jr., field. Ms. Ingram stated that in looking at the policy she believes we should wait until December concerning what comes down the pike later. Ms. Driehaus advised that there are 2 things that we are dealing with now; 1) Potential change to policy for donor purposes and 2) the more immediate, Weaver field being named for Ken Griffey, Jr.

Mr. Fultz moved, seconded by Mr. Moeddel, to name one of the fields at Weaver Park the Ken Griffey, Jr. Field.

Motion passed.

- Chris Bigham gave a power point presentation about family activities at Lunken. Some of the benefits of a new Miniature Golf Course at the Playfield would include a new revenue source, draw families, would make Land of Make Believe free, offer discounted rates to CRC day campers and participants, could fix parking lot. The cost would include \$350,000 - \$500,000 from Golf Bond Issue with a projected gross annual income of \$125,000, net operating income of \$25,000. Billy Casper Golf will assume control of operation including the Ahlering building and Land of Make Believe. The following steps would need to be taken:

1. Commission approval to proceed with the conceptual plan
2. CRC staff to develop site plan cost
3. RFP to hire architectural firm with special miniature golf course experience
4. Present final site plan and costs

Ms. Ingram moved, seconded by Mr. Fultz, to reprioritize the capital plan for Golf Bond Issue 06/07 up to \$500,000 to include the design and development of a miniature golf course at Airport Playfield.

Motion passed.

- Dr. Norman C. Merrifield is to be the recipient of the H. H. Patty Distinguished Alumni Award from Indiana University HPER School on October 20, 2007. Congratulations were extended to Dr. Merrifield.

Youth Commission Member Report

Youth Commission Member, Tinisha Brewer, reported on the good impact CRC Summer Employment gave her. She learned about responsibility and being a leader. She hopes that we can continue to impact youth with this program.

Mary Cox gave a brief overview of the 2007 youth employment program. Cathy Raffles talked about the summer youth jobs. There were a total of 77 youth employees through this funding.

#### Aquatic Plan Presentation

A power point presentation was given on the Aquatic Plan. The biggest change is funding. The plan is now a 6 year program.

Ms. Driehaus asked if the College Hill pool would be closing. Her concern is that it is heavily utilized by TR participants. Mr. Koopman explained that the TR camp could be moved to McKie once it is fully renovated. Mr. Moeddel asked if we are communicating pool closings to the public and receiving community input. Ms. Driehaus stated that that has already been at Oyler and we will continue our talks. Ms. Ingram stated that we should let the public know about the closings and why the pools are being closed prior to the closing of a pool.

Mr. Moeddel moved, seconded by Ms. Ingram to approve the final aquatic plan.

Motion passed.

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### New Policy, HR-24, Employee Lunch Periods

Dr. Merrifield advised that CRC does not currently have a policy governing lunch breaks. Mr. Bigham explained the recommended policy.

Mr. Moeddel moved, seconded by Mr. Fultz, to approve Policy HR-24, Employee Lunch Periods

Motion passed.

##### Lifetime Golf Privileges for Pat McKinney

Mr. Fultz moved, seconded by Mr. Moeddel, to approve the request for Lifetime Golf Privileges for Pat McKinney.

Motion passed.

#### Field Trips

Mr. Fultz moved, seconded by Mr. Moeddel, to approve the Field Trip Requests as submitted.

Motion passed.

#### COMMISSION MEETING

The next meeting of the Public Recreation Commission will be held on Tuesday, November 20, 2007 at 4:00pm at the College Hill Center.

Meeting Adjourned.

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Denise M. Driehaus, President

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Norman C. Merrifield, Ed. D., Director

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